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BY AMY RANDOLPH. "It's always pleasanter to give pro-

horneyeroft. And so he stepped nore mineingly

ole a surprise when you can," said Mr.

A snug little men, slightly bald on the crown of his heads, with leg of mutton shaped sidewhiikers, merry gray eyes and a fresh complexion like the sunny side of a winter apple; this of his own, stood helplessly, staring was Mr. Thorneycroft's peu photo graph, as he plodded his way over the desolate road which led from the station at Winterdale to the Clinton hog estead-at least in so far as the stage driver's rather misty directions

were to be credited. "I should a s'posed they'd ha' sent Orders of Private Families man. "It's good three miles, and not the easiest road in the world neit er." "But you see, my good triend, they don't expect me," said Thorneycroft.

'I intend to surprise them." "Humph," said the man, "I don't believe in surprises; but it ain't me as as got to walk the three miles over hills, with the wind fit to freeze the uose off my fare"

So saying, the mu anthropic Jehn whipped up his borses, and Mr. Thorpeycroft, nowise disheartened, commenced his twilight tramp.

"Ci uton don't look for me till next will stare to see me walk in upon him! goodness gracious! seems almost impossible that ten years W. HURTT, each other's faces. And to think that "But it he's a sober old edition of Benedict the mrrried man now, with children of his own! He wrote to me that his pretty sister in law was staying there, too -Aha, I know what the sly dog is up to. although he covered up his meaning under a double stratum of words. He wants me to fall in love with Nora Kincaid. Well, why not, it she's hall as pretty and agreeable as his letterhave made her out to be? Up to this time I've been a great deal too busy matrimony; but now that my business seems beyond danger, and things are

after a fashion settled, why-" And Mr. Thorneycrott felt his whiskers with complacent meditation. But even as he congratulated himself upon the agreeable supprise he triend, Ferdi and Clinton, he could not but feel the icy touch of the chill northw st wind, as it whistled over the plains and rushed madly round spirits of the Arctic regions, playing hide an I seck with other Borean blasts, Mr. Thorneycroft's feet were getting cold his hands felt like ice even in his fleecy-lined gloves; and couldu't but reflect that his purple nose and cheek bones, looking as if they were conted with red varnish, would hardly

add materially to the graces of his first appearance before Miss Nora Kincaid, linton's beautiful sistersin law. "Perhaps it would have been wiser for me to have hired a ouggy or some thing," he thought, a little uneasily, But then I couldn't have suprised 'em half so neatly. Whew ew-ew! I won-

this chimate?" things, even to a desolate twilight tar, he could but confess to hunself However, there is an end to all tramp, over a February wilderness. and presently our her came in sight a suspiciou-aspect. given. Liberal deductions made to ministers of the welcome lights of the handsome of the Gospel. Send stamp for ci culars and white house on the side of the hill. ju-t as dusk was drawing its sombre plain matters," thought Mr Thorney- hove with many a sigh. Her hair

veil over all the land-cape. "I don't really think I could have to be the end of his "surprise?" walked much further," he said to him- The winter night were away, and got ready her lips to taste; but whenself. "And it is beginning to snow Mr. Therneycroft, nuddled up in his ever I do a thing so chaste, I never quite fast. So, this is where old F.r straw, like a convict in a prison cell, am in much haste. 'Tis said when upon my word, the place is more ex. dart through his limbs; frequent snee- ask you what you are about, and give JOHN F. WARD, Pro leter. shining out through red curtains - couriers of a hear y attack of inflienza; Western girls, they make no bother, quite picturesque! A lucky thought and he felt his neck growing stiff and if you kiss them on one cheek they troduce myself. How Ferdinand will had been two ty years jounger, he ginia gill for kissing—they beat all

crept across the piazza, and flattened jully serious. his nose against the glass of the win

blazing on the open hearth stove; two people again." or three little children playing at Toward morning he drifted into a I pressed Mattie's form to mise and -slender, dark haired and gracefel. key in a rusty pudlock without.

I could see it, if-" Tiptoeing across the snow besprink- window was clear and radiant now. len planks, our Lero's boot soles play daily received, and sold in quantities to suit ed him, literally speaking, a shippery purchasers. A superior assortment of trick, and down he came in a string

posture, he head striking smartly a burgta?" against the panes of liss an acute accent of mingled pain and laughter on the part of his friend, who a feather bed wrapped around her jaw,

My thanks are hereby respace fully tendered the public at large for past liberal encouragement, and assurance given that no effort on my part will be spared to please in the future ing with life. He was seized round were?"

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feminine and growls masculine. "Do i't let him come in lere," cried falsetto voice, doubtle s proceeding reception," said Clinton, warmly presrom one of the fair students. "I shall sing his triends hand; "and had I been die if you do! Oh, if Ferdinand were at home it never would have happened.

himself shaken to and Iro, like a hur ricane, while a painful appopletic sen- voice, "I am heartily sorry that such a sation took possession of throat and misunderstanding should have occurred. brain .- Your'e the fellow that has I'm atraid I screwed your neckeloth up was a good mile and a half from the this past month are you? Well, you but things did look rather ugly for you country house whither his footsteps have got to the end of your rope at you must own yourself. Pray accept were bound, as if the old cedar trees hast. Where is Deacon Barley's over by apology." and leafless tangle of blackberry coat? Where are Me. Grimes silver Phie is my friend Mr. Alson, briefs along the roadside were so many spoons? Where have you hidden Call said Fordinand Clinton; and as Thor

> -with a separate shake for each inter- whisper: "Just eugaged to Nora, my Mr Thorneycroft, who had been see you're just a day behind the fair. pulled to his feet through no exertion

straight before him. "It's all a mistake," he cro ked, trygaged pair. ing to free himself from the strangling pressure on his cravat; "it is-" "I dare say; a 1-kely story; responded his captor, a muscular young fellow, somewhat taller than himself. "There there, Nora, don't scream so,

I've got him safe enough." "Oh, my! 'ejaculated a voice from the crowd of women servants at the loor; "what a ill looking old villian he is, to be sure! I'd a known him as a sneak-thief anywhere." "Im no sucak-thief!" ejaculated Mr. Thorneycroft, "I am-"

"Never mind your genealogical table, my friend," was the r sponse, but just come with me. Good dog, Rose! hold tight, Carlol" "Where are you going to put the poor fellow, Harry?" chirped a soft

ing by this time subsided into a volley week," he said to himself. "How he of sighs and long treaths, and, "Oh, want to go to the station on Albany "In the chamber over the brick sta-

> "But it is cold there!" with a pitying accent. "I'll risk it." "Will you he:r me?" gasped poor

Thorney rolt, "I am-

· Come along, and no more of your nousease!" was the brusque rejoin er. "But I came to-" "We know quite well what you came after, my worthy tri ud," answered the muscular hero. "Any necessary expla- on shore is, don't you? nation can be made before the magisto think about such luxuries as love or trate to-mrrrow. Carlo, old boy, d ye mind?" Carlo waged his tail mesuingly, just ashore, an' a votio more than it If the opens his mouth, on him, my dog. Now, friend, you will find the

silence is by all odds the best policy."

dragged ignominiously across the lawn, through a sort of paved court, to a see was about to give his old college pule rally smelling stable, where it bein' slow and shure--' was as cold as Greenland and damp as "If you want to go to New York by the Bastile, and locked in. "Is this the way o treat a christian?" he indignantly demanded, the minute it's the sure way, I told ye, and stop the leaves of the thickets, like clum-y six mones of door plank were between at Worchester. him and Carlo's double row of gleaming

fangs. "Listen, you fellow!" I am-" But the sound of vanishing footsteps was all the answer he received, and a an Ne Yark?" hoarse growl told that the dogs had mounted guard across the threshold of his pri-on house The room was quite dark and dismally stop if the train don't.' cold, but from a rustling beneath his

feet our hapless hero could discover that there was straw sufficient for a bed, upon which he nestled down, wrapping himself up with his overcoat with a spasmodit fit of shivering. "The scoundred" he muttered to himself-"the id-bred louts, not to car til I return. know a gentleman when they see him. But when he remembered that his

enemies had not really seen him ti uthat the circumstances did wear rather "It wil be all right to-morrow, Mattie and I sat on a log. Her ize when they give me a chance to ex- was upon the ski, and her breast did

croft, striving to be hopeful. arborvitæ hedge-nice idea of a lawn; nours. Rheumatic prins began to ty blue ize and hair that curls, they tensive than I had supposed. Lights zes shook him from head to loot, avant you a slap right on the shout. The _l'il take a peep at 'em belore I in-steffer. Poor Mr Thorneyer ft! if he turn the other. But give me a Vir

door bell, like a hristian?" he asked don't git weary; for if I did git off ini A quiet domestic scene met his view; himself regrettully. "Or better still track, I've now, without trouble, found a shaded lamp like some tranquil morn | why diln't I telegraph that I was com- my way back; and mitheme again I'll on the centre table; a great fice of logs lug? I never will attempt to surprise never lose, as sure as this poetry is

"I wonder which one of 'em is Nora?" "Hey! who's there?" he cried aloud. Nearer, near, mi hos tu hars did thought Mr. Thorneycroft. "Confound starting up as well as he could for the sneak, I felt her warm breth on my

> Why it's Therneycroft!" balled a cheerful voice "How the deuce came was all dressed and ready to be mar-Tom Therneycroft locked up here like ried, was attacked by the toothache so

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"Well, it it is rather an inhospitable

·Upon my word, sir," put in a genial

spoons? Where have you hidden Col | said Ferdinand Clinton; and as Thor

wife's sister. Ha! ha! old fellow, you And during the long stege of inflamatory rheumat sm that fellowed, our here was doomed to be a daily witness

of the billings and cooings of the en-Poor Mr. Thornaycroft! Truly, in his case the sport had hardly been worth the candle. Clinton thought it all a "jolly lark," but then Clinton hadn't been locked up all night in a stable chamber, with six weeks of inflammato ry rheumatism by way of sequel. And

ent points of view.

"By the Shore line?" inquired the ticket clerk, who always wants to be certain with this class of customers. "Shure line? Faix I do, mighty sure,

street." "Divil a b t do I want to go to any ble. He'll keep there, I imagine, station, Flaix, I was in a station old

> "You don't understand The Shore line don't go to Worcester." "Augh, brother that! Me brother told me the train was already sure to

> "No, no!" said the clerk laughing: "This train does not go to Worcester; this is the Shore-S-h-o-r-e line-on shory. You understand what coming "Coming ashore, is it? Au' is it laghing ye are bekase yo think I'm

> sixth since I set me fut in Amerky." there thin, for I've he rd of things

way of Wore-'I don't want to go by way, abic; "This road don't stop at Worcester,

I tell you; it goes to New York' "An' Worehester, is betwane Boston "Yes, but not this road."

"There's a ticket for New Y rk," said the clerk, "but you can't stop at Worcester with it, mind that." "Sure I do," said Pat, passing over his currency. "Llaix, I've no desire to sthop at Worchester with it. Sure I'll leave it wid some gentlemen in the

The case was hopeless and the ticket se ler was obliged to let Pat go, but could not but smile at the task the conductor had in prospect. A Tail of Emoshun. The night was clear without a fog.

was black, as the blackest cat, and her But in the mea t me-alas, was this lips, Jerusalem! hold my hat! My would probably regarded the whole the others clean to nothing -when ever And on tiptoe Mr. Thorneycroft affair a jeke, but now it was too mourn- you give wan on'em a smack, they "Why couldn't I have rung the But to me start you back, But to my story; dearest reader

build-block towers on the rug, and sout of unquiet slumber, from which looked down in her ize, and so I took two pretty women reading by the light he was aroused by the turning of a her hand in mine. I cuddent breather

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The supplied with the very best na market affords. theo raising up her hed she sed : Take For the light through the eastern kare, Jeeus, tid I sneeze!

A. Green Bay, Wisconsin girl. who severely that she could not go through And Mr. Therneycroft tell his tale, the ceremony. For two hours she sat interrupted by irrepressible but-ts of with her feet in a pail of hot water and could not but see the ridiculous side of while her waiting affiareed stood out in the woodshed and cussed.

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One Squares, Two Squares, Three Squares, Four Squares, The Tarboro' Southerner. and the air was resonant with shricks chance, with their dogs and their revolvers, to speak a word?" But come in and get warmed; you are "I've got you, you villian!" roated as cold as a snow image. Breakfast is a gruff voice, as Mr. Thorneycro't felt just ready and—"

cars to hear, and telegraphic wires to Johnson's leigh-robes and bills, ch?" neyesoft bowed stiffly; he added; in a

things do look so differently from differ-

Pat at the Railroad Station. "Ticket to Ne Yark," said Pat the other day at the Providence raiload

too, for I want to see me brother Dennis voice; the screaming, by the way, hav- in Worcester, sure, on the way." "That's not the Shore line. You

lave elapsed since last we looked upon with a good stout padlock and plenty night for given an omadaun a black eye that was blackguarding me, jest."

go to Worcester, an' I want the sure

dozen time wid the byes o' the owld "I tell you this train does not run And thus Me Thorneycroft was to Worcester." "Don't it! Bedad, perhaps it walks

"Augh I go away wid ye! Give me me ticket, and let me go. Flaix, I'll

the collar by a Herculeau grasp; two "How could I?" snap ed Mr. Thor on the lot firstions of Halifax this year JOHN F. WARD. the collar by a Herculeau grasp; two "How could I?" snap ed Mr. Thor in the total actions of Halifax PROPRIETOR OF "WELOOMBAR. savage dogs hung on his count teils, respectoft, "when they didn't give me a by the Briesh Government.